

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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IS IT WRONG TO USE TOBACCO

Is it wrong to use tobacco in any form, and where does the Word of God condemn it? 2 Cor. 7:1 "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 1 Cor. 3:16-17 "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."

1 John 2:6 "He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked." Jesus also says be holy as He is holy. God's word is strictly against the use of tobacco. If any man be in Christ Jesus he is a new creature, a new creature has no sinful nor unclean appetite or desires. 2 Cor. 5:17. We (the Church of God) have seen hundreds delivered from the tobacco habit and they have no desire for it. It is not trying to do better, not turning over new leaves and making promises that God requires of you, but to repent and come to God and get truly saved and the appetite will be completely taken away and all desires for it will go forever. No tattering off considered, but quit for Jesus' sake. Take up your cross and follow Jesus. Come into the Church and take part in this last great conflict. Yours for God and His church and lost souls.—E. W. Anderson, Middlesboro, Ky.

BIBLE SCHOOL A GREAT BENEFIT

CANTON, O.—Praise the Lord I have victory. I am preaching and lifting up Jesus wherever I am. I took a short course in the Church of God Bible School at Cleveland, Tenn., and I want to say to those who are contemplating going to Bible School, that something happened to me there that broke me loose for God. What was good for me might be good for you. Study to be approved.—Your brother in Christ.—E. W. Forney.

The Saviour's Love

When I was lost down deep in sin
A love reached out to me.
A love that even saved my soul;
A love that made me free.

It was a Saviour's love for me,
A love that starts at Calvary.
In love God's dear Son shed His blood
That sinners might be free.

In love He prayed for you and me
In dark Gethsemane.
In love He wore the crown of thorns,
And bled and died upon the tree.

In love and great compassion
His mercy is revealed.
He is our Savior, friend, and guide;
And by His stripes we're healed.

In love He's gone on to prepare
A place for you and me.
Those golden mansions in the skies
For those He has set free.

In love He shed His blood
That sanctifies our hearts,
That keeps us in this holy way
And gives a peace that ne'er departs.

In love He sends the Comforter,
The Holy Ghost, with power
To raise us up from this old world
In that triumphant hour.

When the Son of man shall come again
His children to receive.
They shall be called the sons of God,
Those dear ones who believe.

That Christ is indeed the Son of God,
With power to cleanse us from all sin;
And fill us with the Holy Ghost,
That He be glorified within.

This love, indeed, can't be compared
With any other thing.
Nor can the peace and joy and hope
The Savior, Christ, does bring.

That we, the lost, have been redeemed
From sin, and sanctified,
And that we have that hope within
Of being glorified.

With Christ, our Savior
Is, indeed, the one most perfect love

29 Saved, 20 Sanctified, 16 Received Holy Ghost

SMITHFIELD, N. C.—On the 15th of July a successful tent meeting began in Smithfield, N. C. with a band of workers composed of W. R. Messer and wife, Jim Stocks and wife and others who rendered excellent service during the meeting. On the 5th day of the meeting the writer and wife and Sister Pearl Autin of Gastonia joined in the battle as we were returning from a tour to the Atlantic, visiting churches and conducting meetings.

The night before we arrived there were eight saved and many others seeking the blessing. The writer preached three nights for Brother Messer at the tent and once a few miles away, where Brother Messer is pastor—Selma, another nice little town only four miles away. We had the privilege of hearing Brother Messer preach twice; once he preached on the Church of God, he certainly produced Scripture to enlighten the folks on the church.

I don't believe I ever saw the Spirit any stronger; the boys and girls, men and women were trembling under the power of God in a remarkable way. The altar was filled with earnest seekers every night. It seemed that some were amazed, saying, "We never saw it on this fashion." The enemy was stirred, of course, and wanted the meeting to close, but it continued two weeks and during the meeting there were twenty-nine saved, twenty sanctified, sixteen received the Holy Ghost; eight added to the church and three baptized in water.

I feel there were seed sown and that it will take eternity alone to reveal the good accomplished. Brother Messer has now pitched his tent in Lillington, N. C. and is ready to begin another battle, in fact, the battle is already set in array. Pray that Satan's ranks will be bomb-shelled and Christ exalted, God glorified and the Holy Ghost have full sway. The writer expects to help some in this meeting if possible.—Roy E. Blackwood, State Overseer.

God Answers Prayer

PLAZA, N. Dak.—I promised God I would testify through the Evangel of His healing power. I had a very serious pain in my side, but the dear Lord healed me. I called on the dear Jesus Christ and He wonderfully answered prayer.

Please pray for me that I might receive the Holy Ghost, as God has promised this blessing to His children. I am a member of the Church of God.—Mrs. Tom Reum, R. 3, box 5.

IN THE SERVICE TO STAY

I have just closed a meeting at Glenwood church in Fannin County. We had a great time. The church was run down but the Lord came and edified it. We got her back in good working order with fellowship, new treasurer and clerk and organized a Sunday School. We feel like the fruits of the meeting will never be known in this world. We know our King Jesus got the glory. Bless His name.

We are in a meeting now at Point, Texas. The Lord is surely blessing. The meeting has been going on one week and five have received the baptism, three sanctified and several saved. From three to seven are in the altar every service. We will carry this service on to the camp meeting and further if the Lord leads. More people come than we know what to do with so pray much for the meeting. We will give details of the meeting when it closes. See me at the camp meeting or write me at Blossom, Texas, box 262. I am in the service to stay. Yours for lost souls.—W. M. Ford.

That ever did proceed, dear ones,
From that great throne above.

Which we shall stand before
And praise our God
Forever and forever,
For this wondrous love Christ has
for us,
That love that dieth never.

Written by Albert P. Osborne, thru the help and grace of God and that glorious hope which the Holy Ghost puts within our hearts.

SOME LAST DAY SIGNS WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO STAND?

F. J. Lee, General Overseer.

There shall be *** earthquakes in divers places.—Matt. 24:7.

The disciples had asked Jesus, when these things should be, the sign of thy coming and the end of the world. "These things" had reference to the destruction of Jerusalem. This came in the year seventy, brought about by the Roman army, led by Titus.

The sign of His coming had reference to the last days upon this earth as far as this present dispensation is concerned.

Jesus in speaking of the signs leading up to His second coming told them that there would be antichrists many, and warned them that they should not be deceived. These antichrists are forerunners of the special antichrist. Jesus said there would be wars and rumors of wars. While this is the case they were only forebodings of a more terrible war. Luke calls special attention to these terrible wars when he made the statement "Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." The wars and rumors were only forebodings of a greater war, which was doubtless the "world war", yet there is to be the Armageddon war, but this will take place after the saints have gone in the rapture.

Jesus also told them there would be famines and pestilences. While there has been famines all along, but the most serious famine the capping sheath of all, followed the world war, also the pestilence in the form of influenza now lays in the past.

Earthquakes

Now we will speak of the earthquakes. Jesus said these would appear at divers places. It is said that the average of earthquakes before Christ was about one every century but now the seismograph records tremors most every day. Where? In divers places, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Japan, China, Jerusalem, Lisbon and scores of other places. Many of these were very serious quakes.

While it is true there have been earthquakes all along at intervals since Jesus uttered these words, but let us remember that the last days have been on since the beginning of the gospel dispensation, but there is to come a time of the closing scenes of these last days, then we may naturally expect that the last day signs will be more numerous and serious.

The Literary Digest says that one hundred years ago Jerusalem was visited by an earthquake, killing some four thousand persons. On July 11, 1927 the Holy Land was rocked again by a quake killing 670 people and injuring about 3000. The property damage is estimated at two million dollars. Every house was effected. Is this the last earthquake Palestine shall experience? We will answer no, by no means, we know of at least one more very serious quake that is to take place in Jerusalem killing seven thousand and laying the tenth part of the city to the ground. See Rev. 11:13. This will take place during the Tribulation, but let us remember that every great and terrible event is always announced by forerunners. At this time the entire aspect of the country around Jerusalem will be changed. See Zech. 14:4-5.

In the past few years and months Japan has suffered terribly from earthquakes causing the death of many thousands, 103,000 at one time. Also it caused a vast portion of the country to sink and great lakes appear in the place of what was once inhabited territory. What does this all mean? Jesus said this would come before His return. It means that His coming draweth near.

During the month of May a terrible calamity came to China to add to their affliction caused by war. This calamity was caused by an earthquake, killing one hundred thousand people. Seven years ago 100,000 were killed by a quake in the same territory.

The Beginning of Sorrows

Jesus said that these are the beginning of sorrows. This being true, what is the real sorrow going to be? The floods in Mississippi valley have caused sorrow and suffering. The hurricane in Florida caused much sorrow and suffering. We cannot begin to estimate what has come to the poor people of China, yet the Lord says, this is only the beginning. My Lord what will the end be? We referred above to the final earthquake that is to come, especially to Palestine. We will mention further that at this time there will be voices, thunders and lightnings and the earthquake will be such as has never been since man has dwelt on the earth. Rev. 16:18. At this time the heaven will part as a scroll, the sun shall be darkened, the stars shall fall from heaven, the moon will become as blood and the mountains and islands shall be moved out of their places. Can you conceive of anything being more serious than this? Yet it is coming, we are getting some foretastes of it almost daily.

The Lord in speaking of Ariel (Jerusalem) said, Thou shalt be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire.

Jerusalem is to be the hub of the great destruction according to the Bible. While the whole world will be effected by the great tribulation almost the entire Scripture seems to indicate that the affair will be known as Jacob's trouble, which catches them after they have returned to Jerusalem in unbelief.

The Lord says to the church age known as the Philadelphia period, Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation (the tribulation) which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.—Rev. 3:10.

The above Scripture shows that this trial is to come upon all the earth. Since there is no evidence in history that it has ever come, therefore it must necessarily apply to the future.

This confirms our statement that the entire world will be effected by the great tribulation.

Watch and Pray

The only hope we can offer the people is the admonition of the Lord Jesus in Luke 21:36, Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that you may be accounted worthy to escape all (Continued on page two)

JUST CLOSED REVIVAL

EUPORA, Miss.—I praise the Lord because I am saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost still abides in my soul. I am also praising Him for Brother T. W. Wimbley, who did the preaching in a revival just closed here. The Lord surely blessed him in the twenty-four sermons he preached while here. The services were well attended and the altar was crowded day and night while the meeting went on. The saints were revived and four were healed. One child was prayed for and the fever left instantly. I do thank Him for His healing power.

Brother Wimbley preaches the Bible just like it is laid down. He doesn't skip anything and that is what we need, the true Word of God. I love the way of holiness more and more. It gets brighter and brighter to me every day. I want all of you to pray for us here that we may get stronger and the Lord will get the very best glory out of our lives.—I. D. Daniels, clerk, Nettie Daniels, R. 4, box 83.

ODESSA A NEEDY FIELD

ODESSA, Tex.—I am praising God for the privilege of testifying to the healing of my body thru the precious blood of Jesus. Oh I can never praise Him enough for His goodness to me and mine. I had erysipelas in my face and neck only a few days ago. My children tried to get me to go to the doctor or let him come to see me. I told them I had a good doctor. I wrote Sister Woods at Ranger requesting prayer and just kept believing God would heal and thank the Lord, the work was done. A complete healing, not a sign of it. Oh I do praise Him.

We live out west and do not have the opportunity of attending Church of God services. We are always glad to get the dear little paper. It always brings a ray of sunshine. The letters from the dear saints are encouraging.

My daughter and I are the only Church of God people here that I know of. This is in the oil fields and surely is a needy field. The harvest truly is great and the laborers are few. We are praying daily for God to put this place on the heart of someone who will bring the message of holiness here. I trust this may help someone to press on. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and looking for Jesus to come soon.—Mrs. B. D. Kimmel, box 163.

RANGER DISTRICT CONVENTION

Our convention has come and gone. It brought much joy to our hearts to see so many of the dear saints come from the east, west, north and south and above all, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost were there and took the lead in each service. The power would fall and shouts and praises of glory would go up in behalf of Him who died for us. Our Overseer, Brother Johnson, whom we all love so well gave out some inspiring messages under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, which were food to our souls. Other preachers gave us good messages too. Space won't allow me to mention every one's name, so I say may the Lord bless you all.

I heard several say this was one of the best conventions in the state. Brother S. J. Wood is the District Overseer here. He is a wonderful man of God.—Oscar Davis and wife, Thurber, Texas.

On The Good Highway

ROCK SOUND, Bahamas.—I am thanking God because I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I belong to the good old Church of God. I am so glad I am on the blessed highway and I mean to press on and do the Lord's will.

We had a wonderful time on Sunday, April 15th. All the saints were on fire. Brother Neely preached for us. Dear saints pray for me that I may stay at the feet of Jesus till He comes or calls.—Addington Taylor.

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

"That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." Eph. 5:27.

It is very important to us just when He will present this renowned and distinguished assembly, or body of called-out ones. It is important to us who this glorious assemblage is composed of, and next, it is very important for us to notice the entire perfection of this ecclesia, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but is absolutely holy and without blemish. Webster says blemish means to disfigure; to tarnish; to defame, therefore, this glorious church that Christ presents to His heavenly Father has no mark of deformity, disgrace or taint. No wonder she can be termed glorious. The king's daughter is all glorious within her clothing of wrought gold.

I think Jesus had a vision of this body of people, His church, when He prayed the prayer found in the 17th chapter of John. For the church to reach perfection, this prayer will be answered in her behalf. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me thru their word; That they all may be one; And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one; I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one.

We find Jesus is here praying for unity. Previous to this He has asked that they might be sanctified, but now last but not least, comes the heart thru words, Make them one Father and all that come to me thru their word, make them all one. Let this glory fill them Father that they may be made perfect. Then will the world know that thou hast sent me. Let the love wherewith thou hast loved me be in them and I in them.

Beloved, do you get the vision? Nothing but unity and love will ever bring perfection and thank God it is coming just as sure as Jesus uttered the prayer of John 17. Look for it, expect it, pray for it, believe it, "till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man."—Eph. 4:13. (Continued on page three)

THIS WORLD HAS NO CHARMS

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla.—I have been trusting God for my healing for nearly twelve years and He has not failed yet, praise His dear name. I was sick for a long time; had the saints to come and pray for me; I would get better for a while then would get worse. At last I told the Lord that I was His and in His hands for this world had no charms for me. I told Him that I had given up all for Him and meant to go all the way with Him and He healed me. I want all the saints to hold me up in their prayers.—Mrs. Annie E. Russell.

NOT TIRED OF THIS WAY

LITHONIA, Ga.—My husband had the toothache. He told me to lay my hand on his jaw and pray; I did and he was healed. I thank the Lord because he is so good to us. He has healed me many times since I have been in this way.

I am so glad I am in the good way of holiness and belong to the dear Church of God, the one that Jesus said the gates of hell should not prevail against. I have been in this way over six years and I am not tired of it but it just suits me. Hallelujah, I feel good in my soul. I mean to go thru with Jesus by His help. I know He will help me for He always does when I go to Him. Pray for husband and me that we will be soul winners for Jesus.—Mrs. W. N. Vaughn.

NOTICE

It is now time to make your order for the fourth quarter literature. Please make your order now to avoid the rush. Some are occasionally ordering small amounts of the third quarter's lesson set. Please designate clearly for which quarter you desire literature.—F. J. Lee.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

To those who are expecting to attend the Assembly: Please drop me a card giving your name, how many men, women and children will be in your party. If you have already engaged rooms, please give name of party, street and number so we will not get it confused with those who may come and be without tickets, as we give tickets and do not want to give someone a ticket for a room that has already been engaged.

We have had some confusion in previous years, people engaging their rooms, going from the train to their places and we hold the tickets, giving them out to others thus causing confusion. Your card will be attached to your ticket and we will hold it for you.—S. W. Latimer, Chairman of Entertainment Committee.

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The Prize Is For
The Overcomer

MILLEN, Ga.—May the dear Lord bless all the dear saints scattered abroad and keep you true before Him in love. Let us watch and pray as never before for we are living in perilous times and we need to watch and pray lest we enter into temptation for the days are so evil. Let us look up with a steadfast gaze for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh and who shall be able to stand? Let us move up and get on the firing line as never before and lift up Jesus to this lost and dying world. Jesus says that I, if I be lifted up from the earth will draw all men unto me, so let us not be weary in well doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. Let us take courage. The prize is for the overcomer. Be faithful and true.

Isa. 1:19-20 says, "If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the Lord. But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it." So let us look up for our redemption draweth nigh. Let us pray that laborers will be sent forth. The harvest is ripe and we need to gather in the golden grain while it is day for the night cometh when no man can work. Let us draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to us. May God help us to buckle on the armour a little closer and preach this glorious Gospel with power and victory in our souls. May He burden our hearts for the unsaved world as never before that we can weep over them and help them to God with our prayers and tears. Let us not be contented where we are but let us move up and have confidence in God and just take Him at His word.

My heart is so burdened tonight for this unsaved world. They need love, they need Jesus and we need to do all we can for them that their blood won't be required at our hands. Be not afraid to trust God for His promises are true, no matter how the storm rages, Jesus is always ready to calm the troubled soul. Be faithful and may the dear Lord bless and give a world wide revival that thousands of souls will be brought into the light of this Gospel. Pray to that end and live the life and God will give us our hearts' desire.

These few words of love and courage leave me saved, sanctified and filled with the sweet Holy Ghost. The fire is still burning in my heart and I am encouraged to press on. I am on the battlefield fighting for the Truth and right, preaching His Word everywhere I can. Time is too precious to be idle. I am willing to go where He says go or where ever I can be of any service I am ready to do so. I am ready to lend a helping hand. Anyone needing my service in any way, please write me. I covet your prayers that I will do the Lord's will at all times. I am alone in this world and would like to get in touch with some sister who is willing to make the sacrifice and trust God for everything. I have been in this work several years. Would be glad to hear from anyone who needs some one to go with them as I don't like to go alone. Prayerfully your servant in Jesus' name.—Mrs. Mannie Walker, R. C. box 156. My home address is 1915 Battle Row, Augusta, Ga.

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NOTICES

The Church of God at Quitman, Ga. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following: Brother and Sister E. C. Willoughby, Sister B. F. Miller, Sister Fannie Smith, Sister Lillian Deal, Sister Gertrude Deal, Sister Catherine Deal, Sister Fannie Bennett, Sister Rosa Phillips and Sister Lou Ella Herrington.—J. T. Hughes, clerk, Morven, Ga.

GEORGIA CAMP MEETING
Sept. 17th to 30th

I want to again call attention to this annual gathering where so many get the blessings of the Lord. These meetings have grown in favor with the people every year until it has become necessary to build a large tabernacle to accommodate the great crowds who attend. The tabernacle is electric lighted, the grounds are level and pretty, situated right in the heart of the little town of Offerman twenty miles north of Waycross, twenty miles south of Jesup and thirty-five miles west of Brunswick, with two railroads running through the town. The state highway from Jacksonville, Waycross and Savannah passes through the town. Good accommodation for all who attend. We want all the preachers in the south Georgia district to attend. Every body come and enjoy the good meetings. You may want to know who we are going to have as a drawing card. We are expecting Jesus to be present with us in mighty power. Come!—S. J. Heath, in charge.

We would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Sister Lizzie Helms, age about sixty-three when here and last heard of at Gastonia, N. C., also Sister Gladys Pierce, age nineteen when received into the church about two years ago and last heard of at High Point, N. C.—George W. Cooper, clerk.

I would like to know where the church at Dalton is and how far it is from where I would get off the train and on what day they have meeting. Pray for me and for the little town called Acworth, Ga.—Ada Bramlett, Acworth, Ga.

Wife and I and others of the family are visiting in the West and would like to meet the Church of God people, especially those at Dallas, Texas. Just write me a card, general delivery, and I will look you up.—J. A. Brown, Dallas, Tex.

If there is a Church of God preacher with a Gospel tent who would consider coming to Florida just after the Assembly, correspond with me for particulars.—Rosa B. Murphy, 216 Grand Central Ave., Tampa, Fla.

We would like to know at once the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Brother and Sister Raines and Nellie Raines. Falling to answer this ad will very likely cause these names to be dropped from our church roll.—F. H. Simons, clerk, Leon Thomas, pastor, R. 1, Avon Park, Fla.

We would like to get in touch with M. L. Germany, Mrs. Gertrude Toles and M. G. Davis, all of Texas.—F. T. Worth, clerk, M. T. Boldt, 1209 No. Houston St., Fort Worth, Texas.

REQUEST

I request special prayer for my little grand child who is very sick.—F. L. Edifritz, box 334, Richwood, W. Va.

Today finds me saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I am so glad I found this bright and shining way. It is so sweet to trust in Jesus. I have been cripple for years. I want all the saints to pray that I may walk like I once have walked. I have loved ones in glory and I mean to meet them some sweet day where there will be no more pain nor sorrow. What a happy time it will be when we meet our dear ones who are watching for us. Remember me in your prayers.—Mrs. V. M. Ragsdale, Sumiton, Ala.

I promised the Lord if He would heal my boy I would testify of His healing power thru the paper. Praise the good Lord he was healed. I then became very ill during the night and could not send for the saints. I called my little boy to bring me the Evangel and I laid it on my head in Jesus' name and I was healed. I desire every one to pray that I may be completely healed of these spells.—Mrs. John Hurley.

I request prayer of all the saints every where for our little boy, Henry. He has fever. We trust the Lord for our healing. He is our great physician.—Mrs. H. S. Dearman, Clarksdale, Miss., Route 2, box 35.

I am glad to say I am saved and determined to get the Holy Ghost. I am glad I learned to trust Jesus. Of all friends, I had rather have Jesus.

He will never leave you in a time of need.

I thank the Lord for healing Brother and Sister Webster's little girl of chills and fever. Their oldest girl now has chills and fever and desires the prayers of all the saints that she may be healed. I also desire your prayers that I may receive the Holy Ghost and be ready when Jesus comes. Pray for my lost father and sister that they may be saved.—Etta Lee Craft.

I primed the Lord last spring if He would make me able to go to service I would testify of it. I am much better but it seems that I can't get well enough to go to service. I believe God can heal all manner of diseases and I want all who read this and know the true value of prayer to earnestly pray that I may get completely healed physically and spiritually; also that my husband and children will see their lost condition and get salvation. A sister who wishes to be healed.—Mrs. W. H. Glover, Middlesex, N. C.

Broad Is The Way
To Destruction

FOIL, Mo.—Tonight still finds me saved from sin, sanctified by the blood of Christ and the Holy Ghost abides. I praise Him for His keeping power and that He is still able to save souls and give them the same experience today if they will accept it. I am glad that the invitation said whosoever will, for that included me. He is a wonderful Savior to me. I am thankful that I ever learned to love and serve Him in this life down here this side of the judgment. We find that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. We have to obey the Word of God or go down. We have the Word to read to lead us on to higher ground and the Holy Ghost is a teacher. I am praising God because I am in the way and the way is in me, that is the Bible way, a high and holy way.

"And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men though fools shall not err therein." Isa. 35:8.

"But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruits unto holiness, and the end everlasting life." Rom. 6:22.

In Matt. 7:13-14 we find Christ teaching us to enter in at the straight gate for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction and many there be which go in thereat, but straight is the gate and narrow is the way that leadeth unto life and few there be that find it. We can find only two ways and it must be holiness or hell. The way is so plain that a wayfaring man, though fool, shall not err therein. I am glad folks have a choice. We can serve God and go to heaven or we can serve the enemy of our soul and be cast into the lake of fire.

I praise God for victory over sin. I want to hold Christ up to this world. He is able to save us and keeps us sweet in our souls. When I learned the way, I went down before God, paid the price, got the victory and learned to trust the precious Savior with my body. Five years ago I said yes to the will of the Lord and He is my healer. It is easy to trust Him when the testing time comes. When we testify that we are trusting God for both soul and body and then fall God, it brings a reproach upon His cause and is a stumbling stone for the world for they are watching our life.

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid." Matt. 5:14. So if we are really measuring up to the Word of God we can't hide it from the world, they are watching us. He says if ye lack wisdom ask of God who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not and it shall be given him. Keep His commandments and if we abide in His love, ask what ye will and it shall be done, so friends, I am glad I can look to Jesus. He is the one for me. O I love Him above all things and want to do His will and measure up to the Word. I ask the prayers of God's children that I might live the life for my Savior and be ready to go when He comes or calls.—Lester Mallonee.

Jesus Is Still Working
Miracles

GREENVILLE, S. C.—I want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel for God's wonderful healing power. I thank Him for healing my little girl. She had been afflicted all of her life with kidney trouble and Brother Rouse laid his hands on her in Jesus' name and she was healed instantly. I also praise Him for the way He healed my eyes. Brother Rouse prayed for me and I was healed. My daughter was also prayed for and healed. The Lord is still working miracles just as He did when He was here on the earth.

I am glad I am saved from sin, sanctified thru the precious blood of Jesus, baptized with the sweet Holy Ghost and trusting God for both soul

and body. I am on my way to heaven and want all the saints to pray for my unsaved husband and children that they will come back to God before it is too late.—Mrs. Sarah Rice.

Consider Coming
To Bible School

I suppose some may wonder why they saw so many testimonies in the Evangel written by the students while the Bible School was in session and now they have ceased.

I praise the Lord for His goodness to me since I left Cleveland. It seemed the blessings of the Lord were too great for us at times—far beyond what we could ask or think but His love to us is still fervent for He has kept us with victory in our souls.

Through much prayer and supplication a great victory was won for the Church at Orlando even if the officers did try to move us out of the city. One Sunday night recently the power of God fell and Brother Hicks didn't get to preach. The altar was full of seekers crying to God for mercy. The Church was greatly encouraged and we look for an ingathering of souls there in the near future.

The Lord has blessed us with a large number of young people here at Miami, Coconut Grove and Ft. Lauderdale. We thank the Lord for the musical talent He has given the young people. If you want to have a lively church, give the young people something to do. We have a string band which seems to be a great inspiration to them.

I wonder who is expecting to attend the next term of the Bible School. Think of this, if you want to be a worker for the Lord and get a chance to go, you should consider the thought seriously. It is my desire to be able to go if it is the Lord's will. I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh when no man can work.—John 9:4.

A student, Geo. A. Douglas, 1320 S. W. 11th St., Miami, Fla.

Started To Serve God
When a Child

CLEVELAND, Tenn.—I praise God for all His benefits to me. He has been my truest friend and stay for many years. I am trusting Him for soul and body and find Him always ready to come to my rescue. He is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

I started to live for the Lord when I was a child and am still on the way. I am saved, sanctified and the precious Holy Ghost so sweetly abides in my soul and is just what Jesus said He would be, a Comforter indeed. Bless His dear name. I am more determined to go thru with the Lord as days go by, as I see the devil closing in around the children of God and doing everything he can to pull down and discourage. So many are giving up the battle, laying down the armour and giving heed to seducing devils: a spirit of leadership getting in our ranks and some letting the things of the world get them in their clutches. It makes me feel the need of a closer walk with my friend and guide. I want to make the run successfully and to do so means to follow the lowly One who went about doing good. God is calling for strong men and women who can bear hard things, who will not grumble or complain when they are called on to make a sacrifice; men and women who can be depended on in this great battle for God and right.

I have been where I could not be in service for a good part of the time in the last year, but the dear Lord has so wonderfully kept me and helped me to trust Him. At one time I had a very sore throat, different from anything I had ever had before. My throat seemed to be almost closed and was very painful. There was no one near to pray for me and no one in the home who trusted in the Lord. I suffered so badly, I earnestly prayed and begged the Lord to heal me. I placed the Church of God Evangel on my throat in the name of Jesus and in a few hours the pain and soreness was better and I was healed of that strange trouble. I have a chronic throat trouble that I have never been able to get complete victory over, but I am trusting my Father for a complete healing. I told the Lord if He would heal me I would testify to it, so I am giving God the glory for His goodness to me.

I am so glad my heavenly Father watches over His little ones and hears their cry. He comes to our rescue when we are in trouble. Bless His dear name. I ask an interest in the prayers of the saints that the Lord will have His way in my life.—Maggie Caruthers.

CHURCH REORGANIZED
PLEASANT HILL, Tenn.—Brother W. T. Nelson, District Overseer, came over Sunday July 31, 1927 and reorganized the church at this place. There were fifteen added to the church. Fourteen were baptized.

The writer was appointed clerk and Brother M. D. Steelmon was appointed

SOME LAST DAY
SIGNS

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these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

If you do not possess genuine salvation,

You must certainly enter the tribulation, Which we have learned is the "Lord's day."

And will come to those who do not watch and pray.

We are not in darkness concerning this day, Is why we too admonish, "Watch and pray;"

Behold the many signs in every land,

Then give to the Lord your heart and hand.

Behold the hurricane, earthquake and flood,

The distress of nations and the shedding of blood;

The cankerworm, caterpillar and other destructive pests,

Have in the last days become the world's guests.

The poor are pressed by trusts and combines,

And from every quarter they cry out, "hard times;"

Their cry has come up to the Lord of Sabaoth,

He will come to the oppressor, but will appear wroth.

Our final warning, we will make today,

Is that every one should, watch and pray,

That you may the more terrible things escape,

And not hear the awful words, too late, too late.

But that you like the eagle may soar on high,

While the people of earth will groan and cry;

Look up! look up! faint hearts, again I say,

Let us heed the admonition of Jesus, "Watch and pray."

SAVED 20 YEARS
AGO

ST. CHARLES, Va.—I want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel to my Redeemer for His mercies to me and for His mighty power that has been manifested in and thru my body. I am praising God for victory over sin and the devil. I praise Him for saving me twenty years ago and calling me to preach the Word. Eight years later He sanctified me and four years later baptized me with the Holy Ghost. Now I can preach the full Gospel. Glory to His name.

I have not conducted any revivals this year. My wife has been sick and I am not very well myself. We went to Cincinnati to be in a revival, then visited several other churches. We are now in a revival at our home town. Pray for the meeting, also pray for my wife to be healed. I want to put all of my time in the work of the Lord.—W. E. Tyree.

HOLD FAST THAT
WHICH WE HAVE

CHRISTOPHER, Ill.—I would like to sound a note of praise for our dear Savior because He has been so wonderful to all of us here in Christopher. We have just closed a ten days' revival. The church as a whole was revived to the utmost. The Spirit of the Lord convinced many souls and ten or twelve found their way to the cross.

Our pastor, Brother J. L. Goins, did some good preaching and was assisted by Brother Sharp, Brother Byler, Brother Joplin and Brother Newton. We want to praise the Lord for Brother Goins and his family who have been so faithful unto the Lord. We do not seem to know how to show our gratitude to Brother Goins for his work here.

Four came into the church and many more are looking this way. Our Sunday School has grown exceedingly so that we had to make more room. We have a long auditorium, also a basement that will hold three or four classes. We thank the Lord because we are known as the leading church in Christopher. We had an exchange of pulpits here: the Methodist, Baptist and the Christian Churches. The ministers seemed to like it fine. They said they were greatly surprised and that the Church of God people were the most distinguished and intelligent congregation that they had ever preached to. They said they surely could preach where the people were on fire for God.

We have started a union meeting. The Lord is working. We have a good sixteen piece band. All are not playing as a whole but we will all be playing together before long. Pray for all of us that we may hold fast that which we have: that no man take our crown.—Otis Heron, clerk, 706 Mulkey St.

ed deacon. We haven't any pastor yet. The church is prospering and we think we will have a large church in the future.—Dan Steelmon, clerk.

Signs Will Follow
BelieversSerpent Handled, God's Power
Manifested

Mark 16:17-19

DUNN, La.—I wish to sound a note of praise for the wonderful meeting we had at Dunn. The revival was conducted by Brother G. G. Williams. He preached twenty-two wonderful sermons. Many, both saints and sinners, declared them to be the best and most practical Bible messages ever given out here. He began on Regeneration and Repentance, then Sanctification, Baptism of the Holy Ghost, Second Coming of Christ and last on the Church of God.

The saints were edified and sinners saw their condition and sought repentance. Three were saved, three sanctified and three filled with the Holy Ghost. Many others were convinced and started in the right way.

The seventh sermon was taken from Mark 16:17-19, the signs following believers. It had been preached here many times, but this being the Lord's time to prove His power, He allowed the serpent to be brought on the ground the night of the ninth sermon. When the fact was made known to Brother Williams, he asked for the serpent to be brought in. The serpent that was brought forward was a cotton mouth moccasin. It was in a sack. Brother Williams sat it by the pulpit and continued the service as usual. When time came for the lesson, he again read Mark 16:17-19 and called all to pray. We had only prayed a few minutes when the dear Lord sent the power that was needed and such wonderful power is not often felt. Brother Williams picked the sack up and poured the snake on the floor, then picked it up and held it up to a spellbound congregation of over four hundred people. He made several trips across the rostrum under the great power of God, then another brother came forward under the mighty power of God and took the serpent, danced among the saints for some time and then gave it back to Brother Williams unharmed.

To prove the snake was poisonous and had its fangs and to prove God's wonderful healing power, God allowed it to bite Brother Williams on the left hand. He soon put it back into the sack and continued the service. People began to fall into the altar and one received the Holy Ghost. The service lasted about thirty minutes longer. Brother Williams became very sick. His hand and arm began to swell and pain him. He was very sick but only missed one night of the services. He was there two weeks longer with love and great power, preaching the wonderful Word of God.

When the meeting closed on Sunday night every one was shouting the victory and praising God for sending Brother Williams to us at this special time. Eternity alone will reveal the good done at this place during this meeting. Dear readers, pray much for the church at Dunn, La. We want to be worthy of the blessings the dear Lord bestows on us.—Your humble sister in Christ, Bessie E. Walker.

The Lord Has Been
Good to Us

I want to thank and praise the dear Lord for saving and sanctifying husband, son and me. Son has backslidden, but husband and I are still holding on to the dear Lord but I realize we are weak. The dear Lord has been so good to us. He has given us power over sin and the devil.

Saints please pray for my unsaved children and that husband and I will get stronger in the Lord and receive the precious Holy Ghost soon. Pray for the Church of God at Greenville, N. C.—A member of the dear old Church of God.

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CHURCH OF GOD PUB. HOUSE
Cleveland, Tennessee

Good Shepherd Needed

NAUVOO, Ala.—I truly think the Evangel one of the best papers I have ever read. I have been reading it for about twelve years and I think every one who believes in God's true church ought to take this paper. I love the church paper, but I love the Church of God better than anything on this side of heaven. I love its teachings, its rules and its government. I can hear from the Church of God people through the Evangel.

We haven't any church at Nauvoo and I never get to be in the services. We once had a good church here, but in some way Satan came in and broke it up and the Sunday School has gone down. There is no church to go to and no Sunday School for our children to be in where they should be learning of Jesus. We need a Church of God preacher here. We have a good church building standing idle. I believe if some real Church of God man would come here and stand for the right, he could build a great work for the Lord. I don't know why all the preachers have quit this place for it is a needy field. Money is scarce here, but salvation is needed. I think I have done my best by the preachers who have once preached here. I am a poor, working man, but I am willing to divide with anyone who will carry the Gospel to the lost. It seems like the poor people are being neglected.

A great number of the people have gone after the things of the world. They are letting society rule and ruin the churches. We cannot be God's people and take up with every wind of doctrine. If people expect to have a good revival they must have the revival spirit in them. Preachers cannot have a good church and preach for money. They should preach for the saving of souls and for the glory of God. I believe in taking care of the pastor, also the evangelist, but I do not believe in preachers preaching for money.

John 10:1 reads like this, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." V. 5 "And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not his voice." V. 7, "Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." Now preachers if you are a stranger to God and His people you cannot lead His people. We see that it takes a man with God in his heart and every day life to lead a flock and keep the work going in a godly order.

Many folks are running over the country trying to divide and scatter the sheep but we see in the 8th verse who they are. "All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them." We are glad to say there are a few who have not heard the robbers' voice. They are still true believers in God. V. 9, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture." Now there are many who are not in the pasture because they have no pasture. People here are starving for the true Gospel. We have had too many strangers who have led the people wrong, the wolf has gotten in and scattered the flock. V. 10, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." Now the preacher we need is one who will stay with the flock when he sees the wolf coming. Let us read the 12th verse. "But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep."

According to this Gospel, the wolf has been at this place, for God does not scatter His children and cause them to backslide and cause confusion and strife. We need someone who is not afraid to stand on the Truth and defend God's Word, one who will stand when he sees the enemy approaching. We need a shepherd to bring the flock together and not flee when the wolf comes. The same God who closed the lions' mouths in Daniel's day can close the mouth of a wolf today.

Anyone who is a shepherd will be welcomed. I request the prayers of all Christians that I may get back to the Lord. Pray for the work to build up at this place.—George Cagle, R. 4.

GOD WORKING IN MISSISSIPPI

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—I am still saved from my sins, the Holy Ghost yet abides in my soul and I am a member of the dear old Church of God. I thank God for the way He is working in the state of Mississippi. We have just closed a sixteen days meeting. Praise God for it. The Lord was with us. I feel His presence now. The altar was full from time to time, sometimes there would be seventeen at the altar at one time. Four were healed. I ask all of you to pray for this place that God will save the people. Pray for me.—T. W. Wimberly.

THE BODY OF CHRIST

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As to when this body of Christ is to be presented: some say there is nothing to prevent the coming of Christ at any time now. That is no prophecy or sign of the times to take place ere He comes. Some say the Gospel has not quite gone to the ends of the earth, that there are a few tribes yet to be reached with the message of salvation. However, beloved there is an event that must take place ere Jesus comes and that is the fiery trial that Peter spoke of. Have we not preached that God must have a tried people? Sure we have, as also the Word teaches that the trial of your faith being much more precious than gold that perisheth though it be tried by fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:7 and 4:1. See also James 1:12 and 1 Peter 2:21. (Please notice that this trial comes before Jesus does.)

But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask, are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say, we are able, Jesus says, ye shall. In Luke 12:49 Jesus says, "I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?" Then to make it plain what that fire is, He says in verse 51, "Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division." Then do we not see this fire all around us, we may all expect to be tried by just such fire, for a man's foes are those of his own household. Then what are the results?

This trial of fire will either cause a closer unity with God or sever every connection. Now beloved, do not think you can escape, for this must come to try us, drive us closer or further from God. "For there must be also heresies (margin says sects, which means division) among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you." 1 Cor. 11:19. Now this is part of the cross examination, so think it not strange, as Peter says. Then what is our hope, our refuge in this time of trouble? Hosea tells us there is a door of hope down in the valley of Achor. Achor means trouble. Well, who ever heard of such a thing, trouble to be the door of hope to us? Does the bride have such for her portion? The bride, the church, was first pure, chaste, devoted to her husband, she was beautiful, but she went after her lovers and forgot me, saith the Lord. "There, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her." Hosea 2:14. "Who is this that cometh upon her from the wilderness, leaning upon her beloved?" Sol. 8:5. Then again we hear the words, "Awake O north wind." The bitter cold wind must be endured. "Until the day break, and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of frankincense." He speaks of much suffering, with much prayer, by the bride which is His body, the church.

Jesus was made perfect thru suffering. Then if we are called to the same and admonished to follow in His steps, it behooves us to hurry up to the mountain of myrrh and hill of frankincense. Was it not in agony in the garden Christ drank of the cup? Are we able to drink of it? There we receive the armour of God. There is the very place to fight the arch enemy, for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but oh, the battle is just as real. Sympathy is offered in a wrong cause and if you accept it, then does the enemy gain ground. Instead of being justified by the Word, your horn is made strong thru sympathy in a wrong cause. The enemy says to you, the cross has been borne, now we are free, duty and principle are very small things. Excuses will serve for both duty and principle. After listening to Satan, your conscience begins to arouse. Satan knowing how the Holy Spirit speaks to us, is soon on the job and as some tropical mosquito sings as it sucks the life blood, Satan begins talking in this fashion, Why should you worry? Just ignore the whole thing, time will cure all things. Your conscience becoming seared, you soon begin to think you are right, when if God's eternal word were to judge you, you would have to acknowledge walking after your own way.

Many battles can be fought and won upon this mountain of God. There are several passages of Scripture we want to notice in regards to the church, which we often refer to as the bride. We notice in Psa. 45, Her clothing is of wrought gold. When the bride hath made herself ready then will the bridegroom come. We all know her apparel is not of earthly material, then what can it be? This golden apparel is wrought. Webster says, formed by labor. Then it is her works. Peter in writing to God's elect, says, "Beloved think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy." 1 Pet. 4:12-13. Every man's work shall be made manifest for the day shall declare it, because

it shall be revealed by fire and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. Then as the old song goes:

Should I be carried to the skies
On flowery beds of ease,
While others fought to win the prize
And sailed through bloody seas?

No there's a cross for every one
And there's a cross for me.

I must fight if I would win,
Increase my courage Lord,
I'll bear the toil, endure the pain
Supported by thy word.

This is no time for a compromise with Satan. We must live by the Word regardless of the opinions of man. O, I long to see the day that every saint of God will have a martyr spirit and can truthfully say, I am sick of loves, that is saturated with God's love, perfect in love.

When God saved me, washed me, sealed me with His Holy Spirit, the Word of God became a new book to me; and God thru His Holy Spirit gave me understanding of the Word and when I went to prepare a sermon, I sat down closed my eyes, waited on God after asking Him for just the message needed and that great Teacher, Leader and Guide that leads us into all truth would unfold Scripture after Scripture, one linked right into another. The Spirit is given us to bear witness with our spirit, to the Truth of God and I must say, that I have never accepted any doctrine without first searching the Word. To be hasty is not wise. Therefore, I have waited long to express myself about the Church.

There is one body and one spirit even as ye are called in one hope of your calling. "And He gave some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and preachers; For the perfecting of the saints (for the work of the ministry,) for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and the knowledge of the Song of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ." But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into Him in all things, which is the head, even Christ. Eph. 4:11-13. 15. Unity and oneness will bring perfect love which in turn will bring Christ from above.

Mrs. Carrie Lummus

GOD WILL HELP YOU

SYLVATUS, Va.—I have very much to thank the dear Lord for. About three months ago I was sick and not able to go to church. I promised the Lord if He would give me the privilege to go again I would testify of what He has done for me. I can't praise Him enough for His blessings. He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the blessed Holy Ghost. It makes me feel good to hear of so many looking toward this good old way. I feel like it is time for me to be ready for the great coming of our Lord.

I have many hard trials and want all who read this to remember me in your prayers. I want to still get the blessings from heaven, and fight the battle on to the end. I am praying for my husband and children to be saved. I have a girl fifteen years old and I would be so glad to see her turn her back on the things of this sinful world and live for God. He says we will have to work out our own salvation and I know the Lord is ready to help all that will get humble and call on Him. I have started to make heaven my home and I haven't time to look back. I have my eyes on things ahead and on God and His Word.

About four years ago Brother Hanks brought the Word to us and he surely made it plain. The first time I heard of the Church of God I never thought I could be so happy in it but now I can't praise Him enough for it. Brother Hanks is our pastor this year and we are all pleased to have him. I desire the prayers of all the saints.—Betty Henley.

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Just back in Memphis again from Brazil near Clarksdale where Sister Arnold, my wife, daughter and I held a two weeks meeting where there was only one standing on God's side in the devil's den. The first night they staged a dice game and one drunk man came to the altar with two others.

On the fourth I went after Brother R. C. Mullens and wife at Marks. They stayed with us and we fasted and prayed until Friday morning when they went home. Friday night the house would not hold the congregation. Saturday morning we turned a seed house into a church. It was the gamblers' den. We scrubbed it out and then went over to sanctify it and three received the Holy Ghost. We met with many propositions but God was still on His throne and we kept fasting and praying and God kept working. There were eight saved, three sanctified, five received the Holy Ghost and four baptized in water. Pray for us.—R. F. Horton.

OUR REWARD, A HOME ETERNAL

WINSTON, Ga.—Dear Evangel readers, I am really glad that I am still in the way that seemeth right and is right and the reward thereof is a home eternal in the glory world. I thank the Lord for all He is to us here. We are the only ones here who are of the Church of God. We have family prayer every night and the Lord wonderfully blesses us.

We surely want some one to come along this way and help us get the real old time Pentecostal teaching scattered around here. The people here are honest, most of them, and want to know about this salvation. I really believe the Lord will help to get a small band started here.

There is a lady here who has T. B. and whose husband and all of her children except two or three have died. She is a Christian hearted woman and is really interested in the Lord and His work and I believe if someone who is out and on divine healing, will come here and pray for her, she will be healed and the Lord will make her a worker for Him. We are praying for her and I want every saint to pray for her and for our people here, also for the neighborhood. If Brother Rouse sees this and happens to come to Atlanta, Ga. any time, I want him to come and pray for this lady and for my little boy. Pray for us that we will hold out faithful till Jesus comes. Thank the Lord for healing us when we trust Him.—L. J. Vollrath.

REMEMBERED GOD IN HER YOUTH

EMKENTON, Pa.—I want to praise the Lord for His wonderful healing power. I suffered with rheumatism for many years and for the last two or three years it was much worse. I could not walk up or down stairs but had to crawl on my hands and knees. They prayed for me and I was touched by the healing power. At the time they prayed for me I had to be assisted in and out of bed but afterward I could get in and out of bed alone. Pray that God will continue to heal me and that people will see the great work of God.

We have a son in Warren, Pa., who is suffering with nervous trouble. At times he is delirious. I read in God's word where He has healed and will still heal. I ask all of you to pray for our son, also for my husband who is crippled in his feet. My husband and I both belong to the Church of God. Pray for us.—Mrs. J. A. Shores.

GOD STILL HEALS

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—I praise the Lord for sweetly converting me from a miserable life of sin and sanctifying me through His precious blood. I want to thank Him for His wonderful healing power. I was once bothered with nightmares. This trouble had become so bad that I could hardly sleep at night. I thought I would die but I went to God in prayer and praise His sweet name He healed me at once. I know He can heal for He surely healed me.

A few weeks ago I had a very severe cold. I was in bed five days. My brother-in-law who is unsaved, asked me if I wanted a doctor but I knew the great Physician, Jesus, was best so I trusted Him and He brought me out of the bed of affliction. I mean to go every step with Jesus because if He leads me I know all will be well. I am a young girl and I want all of you to pray that I will be a good servant for God. I am glad for the scripture which says, "Remember now thy creator in the days of thy youth." How I long to be more like Jesus. He said, "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness." I know I will be filled. He sent His only begotten Son that I might be cleansed from sin. I am not ashamed to speak for Jesus and His church wherever I go. I don't want to go where I cannot carry Jesus with me. Pray much for me.—Huncie Hollinshead.

We Receive A Blessing When We Obey God

DILLON, S. C.—On one dark cloudy Sunday evening I went to meeting and while there listening to the testimonies of the people, something began to tell me to leave, then something told me not to leave for there was something for me.

I didn't leave and they gave a chance for every body who meant to go to Heaven to shake hands with one another. I began shaking hands. There came a voice to me saying, say amen. I had not been saying amen so I did not obey at first. The voice came again saying, say amen, it is no harm. I felt unworthy but the next time I came I lost all knowledge of things and when I came to myself and went home for supper, I still felt so good that I had to shout.

I went on until I was sanctified and shortly afterward I began seeking for the Holy Ghost and He came

BRIDGEFORD CAMP MEETING

We had our first camp meeting at Bridgeford the 14th and ending the 24th. The enemy certainly met us in great strength because he realized what wonderful soul food the Lord had prepared for us. Sometimes we had rain day and night but the victory was won.

Our State Overseer, Brother J. W. Culpepper, had charge of the meeting. Brother J. J. Floyd, our Pastor assisting. Brother Culpepper preached every sermon except three. Brother Buckens and Brother Will Livingston brought these messages and without a doubt every one was God-sent and proved to be just what we needed. My! My! we saints feel lifted up. We feel like traveling on.

We were wonderfully blessed in having Brother and Sister Culpepper at our camp meeting. "The Resurrection," "The Rapture" and "The Tribulation" were three of the subjects he preached on and told us many things we didn't know. We feel that their influence and what they have done will live on and on. May God bless them as they go.

The known results of this meeting were: The saints made fat in their souls, several sinners saved, two sanctified, three or four received the Holy Ghost and two reclaimed. One brother made two trips here from St. Augustine, Fla. to receive something good out of the meeting and so he did. He was added to the church and was baptized in water. The Lord blessed in a special way in this service. At the water's edge two other brothers decided to be baptized.

Pray that we will keep oil in our vessels for we want to be at the Marriage Supper and from day to day be inviting souls to go with us.—Gertude Brantley.

He Healed Them All

Healing like salvation is for "whoever believeth" and just as justification by faith in John Wesley's time was partially annulled by "predestination" so Satan is using the same tactics today, but there is no scriptural authority for these. Did Jesus ever tell anyone that He wanted them to be sick and it was for their good, or did the early church, when Peter's shadow was healing the sick? The Word says, "they were healed everyone." Away with camouflage for unbelief. All the great preachers of divine healing are unanimous in saying their greatest difficulty is getting people to believe God wants to heal them.

The next greatest hindrance is the church's failure to recognize the source of disease. People will readily admit a personal devil when it comes to sin, but in sickness they will not, but Jesus did. There is no such thing as bloodless salvation or bloodless healing. Our true nature—spirit, soul and body—was sold in the garden and if anything but the purchase price of our redemption could deliver, it would establish a precedent which would do away with the atonement altogether, by making it unnecessary.

In these last days we will have to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints, if we are going to get the same results, and while modernists are saying do not be dogmatic about the virgin birth, the stripes of Jesus, etc., God is raising up a people which are going to preach the Word in season and out of season and He is going to confirm it with the signs following.—Earl A. Cripps, 25 South St., New York City.

In speaking as the Spirit gave utterance and I am still on the road today.—Allen Cook.

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BE YE HOLY

MARIETTA, Ga.—I thank my dear Lord for what He has done for me. I am a reader of the Evangel and a Church of God Evangelist of the state of Georgia. I am saved, sanctified and have the blessed Holy Ghost.

I promised the Lord to testify when He healed me the last time I had the flu. My wife was very sick with the flu. Her faith became weak and she had the doctor. Her fever went to 102-2.5. I came in with the flu and two more of the saints went to bed with it at the same time. The devil sent his servants to try to get me to put down God and take up man (doctor) but I told them that Jer. 17:5 said, "Thus saith the Lord; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm." Jesus said the righteous shall live by faith and He never said by medicine. My fever went to 104 and they began to give me up to die but I turned on my face and began to pray and ask the dear Lord how long He was going to let me suffer. I thought of death and how I would be glad if He would come and take me out of my pains. I went off in tongues and my fever left me in one hour's time and I was better the next day, never had a bit of fever at all and just got completely well. My wife said, "Now I see the doctors are no good for I had one and am not well yet and you never had one and are well." I said, "Yes I had one but mine was the best doctor for He is Jesus." She said that she never wanted another doctor.

I trust God for all things. God wants you to look to Him for all things. Some think that doctors were put here to prescribe medicine to heal us but Jesus never said to His disciples, "Go take with you a doctor to heal the sick." He said go in His name and these signs would follow them that believe.

He also said that they should speak with new tongues. Some say they do not want the tongues. Well, when you go to the store to buy a pair of shoes, you don't ask for the tongues but they are thrown in. So when you get the Holy Ghost you don't ask for the tongues but they are thrown in. 1 Cor. 14:2. The enemy of your soul will tell you that when you get sanctified you die then. What did God mean in Lev. 11:44 when He said, "Sanctify yourselves?" Jesus died that He might sanctify His people. He never said that He died that we might die. His people are sanctified and not dead. His church is sanctified. Eph. 5:25-26. In Acts 26:18 we find that we have to be sanctified to be in the inheritance of God's people. Read 1 Cor. 1:2. God's people are holy. 1 Cor. 3:16-17 says that we are the temple of God is holy.

1 Cor. 7:14 "For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband." I was sanctified on Easter Sunday 1921 and one year from that day on Easter Sunday 1922 my wife was sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Oh, the Word of God is right. For this is the will of God, even your sanctification." 1 Thes. 4:3. God hath chosen you thru sanctification 2 Thes. 2:13. Jesus sanctifieth and if we are sanctified, He is not ashamed to call us brethren. Heb. 2:11. "For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified." Heb. 10:14. Not them that are dead.

Without holiness we cannot see the Lord. Heb. 12:14. "Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls." Jer. 6:16. Isaiah said it should be called the way of holiness. Jesus was holy and I am glad He came into my heart before it was too late. He is sweet to me. Pray for me that I will stay humble at the feet of Jesus: where He can get glory out of my life. Be stronger and trust God for all things.—A. W. Lay.

Victory at Carter's Chapel

BAXLEY, Ga.—I want to thank the Lord for what this great paper is to me, it is food to my soul, it strengthens me and helps me to be on the watch. I think that every member of the Church of God should take this paper for it is the best paper in the world and by taking it a good many people who backslide possibly would not backslide if they read the Evangel.

I praise God for sending Brother Chambers to Carter's Chapel. We had a wonderful meeting, glory! glory! I can feel glory in my soul. Thirteen received the Holy Ghost.

Let us do our best for the Master for surely it won't be long until His return. Watch! watch! watch! and pray.—M. E. Roberson.

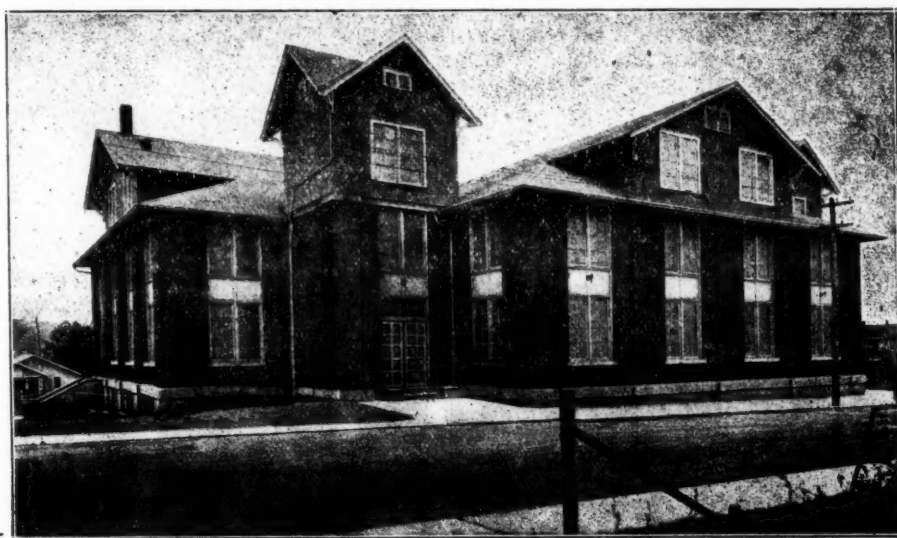
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